

NEW SOUTH WALES.

MONTHLY SUMMARY
OF
BUSINESS STATISTICS
(WITH SUPPLEMENT).

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SECTION A.—RAINFALL AND PRODUCTION.

1. RAINFALL—INDEX.

Index showing Weighted Average Ratio of Actual to Normal Rainfall.

(Average rainfall for each month = 100.)

Month.	Sheep Districts.					Wheat Districts.				Dairying Districts. (Coastal only).			
	N.	C.	S.	W.	T.	N.	C.	S.	T.	N.	C.	S.	T.
1943.													
August ...	105	96	120	82	105	88	103	106	103	112	224	231	156
September ...	110	118	120	115	116	111	125	123	122	124	144	120	128
October ...	98	79	100	64	90	93	74	85	83	156	104	189	147
November ...	175	197	163	115	170	149	204	162	171	215	220	158	209
December ...	89	51	30	4	50	76	52	14	32	212	125	106	176
1944.													
January ...	95	42	13	17	45	87	42	9	28	232	119	33	178
February ...	70	78	11	112	58	83	56	11	32	29	70	12	37
March ...	19	50	57	30	41	15	52	55	49	54	51	25	50
April ...	34	33	105	70	61	52	36	104	80	4	48	102	28
May ...	122	123	155	63	127	169	118	134	135	27	51	232	59
June ...	21	13	13	19	16	21	13	12	14	62	62	20	57
July ...	109	67	41	61	70	102	59	41	53	188	105	43	148
August ...	233	152	42	175	142	230	127	47	90	279	189	109	234

N.—Northern; C.—Central; S.—Southern; W.—Western; T.—Total, all districts.

2. WOOL.

The total production of wool in New South Wales was 546,273,000 lb. in 1939-40; 536,907,000 lb. in 1940-41; 547,000,000 lb. in 1941-42; 497,538,000 lb. in 1942-43 and 537,410,000 lb. in 1943-44.

The British Government has entered into a contract with the Commonwealth to purchase the wool clips of Australia for the duration of the war and one year thereafter. The agreed average price for seasons 1939-40 to 1941-42 was 10·75d. sterling or 13·4375d. Australian Currency, per lb. This price was increased to 12·3625d. sterling or 15·4531d. Australian Currency per lb., commencing with the 1942-43 clip.

Number of Bales Received into Store in Sydney.

Month.	During Month.				Total for Season to end of Month.			
	1941-42.	1942-43.	1943-44.	1944-45.	1941-42.	1942-43.	1943-44.	1944-45.
July ...	80,397	67,442	83,715	76,207	80,397	67,442	83,715	76,207
August ...	191,662	128,260	105,532	113,506	272,059	195,702	189,247	189,713
September ...	269,889	180,883	158,065	.....	541,948	376,585	347,312	.....
October ...	288,766	195,950	173,622	.....	830,714	572,535	520,934	.....
November ...	166,462	159,518	128,231	.....	997,176	732,053	649,165	.....
December ...	63,866	88,943	94,774	.....	1,061,042	820,996	743,939	.....
January ...	24,821	37,213	135,652	.....	1,085,863	858,209	879,591	.....
February ...	31,461	30,274	60,931	.....	1,117,324	888,483	940,522	.....
March ...	29,000	44,208	43,493	.....	1,146,324	932,691	984,015	.....
April ...	43,583	40,835	42,000	.....	1,189,907	973,526	1,026,015	.....
May ...	36,173	41,491	51,274	.....	1,226,080	1,015,017	1,077,289	.....
June ...	37,597	56,745	56,870	.....	1,263,677	1,071,762	1,134,159	.....

3. WHEAT.

Production in New South Wales. Compiled from returns of wheatgrowers.

Season.	Area under Wheat.		Yield of Grain.	
	Total.	Harvested For Grain.	Total.	Average per Acre.
Average 1933-34	acres.	acres.	bushels.	bushels.
to 1942-43	4,492,000	4,126,000	52,591,000	12·7
1940-41... ..	4,866,000	4,454,000	23,933,000	5·4
1941-42... ..	4,342,000	3,969,000	48,500,000	12·2
1942-43... ..	3,386,000	3,033,000	51,693,000	17·0
1943-44... ..	2,975,000	2,693,000	47,500,000	17·6

According to returns collected in April to June, 1944, farmers intended to sow 3,143,000 acres for wheat in 1944-45. The corresponding area recorded at this time last year for the 1943-44 season was 3,060,000 acres.

4. BUTTER.

The production of butter in factories in the seven months ended July, 1944, was 8·6 per cent. less than in the corresponding period of last season.

Since November, 1939, the British Government has purchased under contract the exportable surplus of Australian butter. The contract price for choicest was 137s. 2½d. per cwt. f.o.b. Australian ports to July, 1942, and 142s. 6d. since that date. The wholesale price for local consumption was fixed at 158s. 8d. per cwt. on 8th June, 1938, and increased to 166s. 6d. on 6th March, 1942.

Month.	Output of Butter—(New South Wales factories).				
	Average, 1937 to 1939.	1941.	1942.	1943.	1944.
Thousand lb.					
Year ended 30th June ...	113,010	103,683	85,116	93,775	87,857
Seven months ended July	67,041	64,195	51,152	49,821	45,535
January	12,521	14,453	6,664	13,044	12,821
February	12,242	12,786	8,311	10,219	10,184
March	12,637	11,743	10,116	8,648	8,439
April	10,447	8,682	8,642	6,129	5,165
May	8,188	6,756	6,789	4,789	3,870
June	5,945	5,183	5,467	3,679	2,594
July	5,061	4,592	5,163	3,313	2,402

5. MANUFACTURING INDUSTRY.

Tabulations embracing monthly returns from 42 large factories show the following results, which afford some indication of trends in the manufacturing industry:—

Month.	Factory Sales.				Employees.				Weekly Salaries and Wages.			
	1941.	1942.	1943.	1944.	1941.	1942.	1943.	1944.	1941.	1942.	1943.	1944.
Thousand £.					Hundreds.				Hundred £.			
January ...	3,465	4,519	5,808	4,965	257	282	275	261	1,124	1,459	1,563	1,493
February ...	4,074	4,768	4,799	5,712	267	282	272	258	1,218	1,484	1,546	1,476
March ...	4,196	5,097	5,451	5,765	272	280	270	256	1,246	1,477	1,534	1,469
April ...	4,011	4,904	5,424	4,830	272	278	271	256	1,194	1,513	1,501	1,449
May ...	4,300	4,925	5,696	5,878	276	278	269	253	1,302	1,517	1,517	1,447
June ...	4,017	5,077	5,632	5,478	280	277	269	252	1,292	1,564	1,544	1,433
July ...	4,638	5,410	5,520	5,060*	284	277	268	251*	1,353	1,531	1,514	1,426*
August ...	4,264	5,003	5,500	...	283	277	266	...	1,380	1,532	1,533	...
September ...	4,746	5,352	5,710	...	269	277	267	...	1,365	1,564	1,525	...
October ...	4,994	5,420	5,753	...	285	280	266	...	1,428	1,576	1,536	...
November ...	4,729	5,826	5,701	...	289	280	264	...	1,467	1,603	1,517	...
December ...	5,398	5,853	5,653	...	288	279	265	...	1,555	1,583	1,552	...
Average (January-December)	4,403	5,180	5,554	...	277	279	269	...	1,327	1,534	1,537	...

Further particulars of employment in factories are shown in Table 20. *Subject to revision.

6. BUILDING INDUSTRY.

(a) SUMMARY OF PRIVATE BUILDING.

Value of permits to erect new buildings and additions (compiled from returns of Municipal and certain Shire Councils). Government buildings are excluded.

Year.	Month of August.				June Quarter.		
	Sydney and Suburbs.	City of Sydney.	Suburbs of Sydney.		Industrial and Rural Towns.	Total New South Wales.*	
	Total New Buildings and Additions.	New Buildings and Additions.	New Buildings.		New Buildings.		New Buildings and Additions.
			No. of Permits.	Value.	No. of Permits.	Value.	
1942	£ 107,318	£ 7,568	20	£ 37,740	265	£ 204,480	£ 603,941
1943	120,686	25,878	17	9,805	73	33,352	490,033
1944	175,402	25,242	47	35,921	116	57,408	520,040

* Metropolis, 7 adjacent Shires and 129 rural and industrial towns; other areas not recorded.

(b) CLASSES OF PRIVATE BUILDING.

The following dissection of private building permits granted in Sydney and Suburbs and in 129 Industrial and Rural Towns in N.S.W. shows the total value for each of the principal classes of building:—

Period.	Value of New Buildings and Alterations and Additions.						
	Houses.		Flats. (2)	Factories.	Shops (b) and Public Garages.	Other (Offices, Hotels, Hospitals, etc.).	Total.
	Brick.	Wood, Fibro, etc.					
	£000	£000	£000	£000	£000	£000	£000
Month of August—	<i>Sydney and Suburbs.</i>						
1942	3	3	...	88	...	13	107
1943	3	6	...	96	1	15	121
1944	10	21	1	115	1	27	175
Eight Months ended 31st August.							
1942	151	61	21	498	12	138	881
1943	24	31	4	770	9	151	989
1944	53	89	7	714	14	124	1,001
June Quarter—	<i>129 Industrial and Rural Towns.</i>						
1943	4	28	1	21	7	32	93
1944	5	51	1	34	8	42	141
Year ended 30th June,							
1943	19	118	4	89	18	118	366
1944	23	141	6	142	18	136	466

Includes (a) conversions to flats; (b) shops with dwellings attached.

(c) GOVERNMENT BUILDING.

In addition to total for private building shown above, value of work authorised and contracts accepted for the erection of buildings on behalf of Governments and semi-Governmental authorities in New South Wales was as follows:—

Area.	Value of New Buildings and Additions (Governmental).			
	Month of August.		Eight months ended 31st August.	
	1943.	1944.	1943.	1944.
	£000	£000	£000	£000
Sydney and Suburbs	99	291	2,345	1,183
Remainder of State	148	287	1,028	758
Total, New South Wales	247	578	3,373	1,941

NOTE.—Temporary structures for protection against Air Raids and alterations for this purpose are, in general, excluded.

SECTION B.—TRADE.

7. WHOLESALE TRADE.

Approximate Amount of Sales (N.S.W.) by Traders Registered under Sales Tax Acts.
Total Taxable and Exempt Goods.

Period.	1938.	1939.	1940.	1941.	1942.	1943.	1944.
Million £.							
Year ended 31st December ...	192.97	200.29	202.79	229.03	238.65	240.54	...
January ...	14.21	13.24	16.33	15.83	18.69	17.18	18.02
February ...	15.73	16.54	14.64	17.48	19.39	21.60	20.48
March ...	15.79	15.78	16.97	17.40	19.53	19.44	18.00
April ...	16.83	15.79	17.88	19.06	19.19	21.88	21.68
May ...	16.87	17.46	14.85	18.75	20.72	19.56	21.45
June ...	14.98	14.88	17.07	21.76	18.93	20.91	20.67
July ...	16.23	15.28	16.74	17.63	19.17	19.81	20.87
August ...	15.29	16.81	17.17	20.41	20.86	18.75	...
September ...	17.45	19.44	17.48	21.60	19.59	19.93	...
October ...	15.66	19.22	18.50	18.25	22.06	20.80	...
November ...	16.93	17.53	18.13	20.58	19.54	21.07	...
December ...	17.00	18.32	17.03	20.28	20.98	19.61	...

8. RETAIL TRADE.

Returns collected by the Retail Traders' Association Research Bureau in conjunction with the Commonwealth Bank from the principal Sydney stores indicate the following increases or decreases per cent. for periods shown below compared with corresponding periods of previous year:—

Period.	Number of Business Days in Period.		Net Sales (Value).	Value of Stock.	Wages and Salaries Paid.	Number of Employees.	Three Monthly Moving Average ended month shown.	
	Previous Year.	Current Year.					Net Sales (Value).	Wages and Salaries Paid.
Year ended December—								
Percentage increase + or decrease —								
1938	303	303	+ 4.8	+ 5.2	+ 11.6	+ 5.0		
1939	303	303	+ 2.4	+ 2.0	+ 2.6	+ 0.9		
1940	303	305	+ 6.3	+ 17.0	+ 4.0	+ 1.9		
1941	305	304	+ 14.6	+ 8.0	+ 9.0	+ 4.0		
1942	304	304	+ 5.3	+ 9.2	+ 5.1	+ 8.4		
1943	303	306	+ 11.3	+ 6.8	+ 9.7	+ 17.6		
1943.								
July	27	27	+ 25.5	+ 7.7	+ 8.3	+ 14.7	+ 8.2	+ 9.0
August	26	26	+ 20.7	+ 11.4	+ 7.0	+ 15.0	+ 16.2	+ 7.6
September	26	26	+ 11.5	+ 10.0	+ 6.8	+ 14.6	+ 19.3	+ 7.3
October	26	25	+ 9.9	+ 9.1	+ 7.5	+ 13.2	+ 14.3	+ 7.1
November	25	26	+ 1.7	+ 10.1	+ 3.8	+ 12.2	+ 7.7	+ 6.0
December	24	25	+ 5.4	+ 12.8	+ 5.3	+ 11.4	+ 1.6	+ 5.5
1944.								
January	25	23	+ 10.0	+ 12.6	+ 5.5	+ 11.0	+ 1.1	+ 4.9
February	24	25	+ 1.6	+ 2.9	+ 1.9	+ 7.4	+ 0.2	+ 3.2
March	27	27	+ 10.4	+ 5.1	+ 1.3	+ 8.8	+ 1.3	+ 1.8
April	23	21	+ 8.8	+ 3.3	+ 6.6	+ 8.5	+ 0.5	+ 2.2
May	26	27	+ 0.7	+ 0.6	+ 0.8	+ 6.6	+ 0.5	+ 2.9
June	26	25	+ 2.7	+ 0.8	+ 2.2	+ 7.5	+ 1.8	+ 3.2
July	27	26	+ 3.8	+ 0.4	+ 3.6	+ 5.4	+ 2.1	+ 2.2

Further particulars of monthly employment in retail trade are shown in Table 20.

SECTION C.—TRANSPORT AND TRAFFIC.

9. RAILWAYS.

NEW SOUTH WALES RAILWAYS REVENUE AND BUSINESS.

The financial results of operations were:—

		Month of July.			Year ended 30th June.		
		Gross Revenue.	Working Expenses.*	Excess of Revenue over Working Expenses.	Gross Revenue. †	Working Expenses.*	Excess of Revenue over Working Expenses.
		£	£	£	£	£	£
1942	...	2,725,648	1,617,442	1,108,206	27,686,332	21,712,560	5,973,772
1943	...	2,952,165	1,974,057	978,108	34,071,958	27,343,105	6,728,853
1944	...	2,684,490	1,925,087	759,403	34,501,192	27,535,343	6,965,849

* Excluding capital charges, viz. interest, exchange, sinking fund, etc., which amounted to £7,012,000 in 1943-44.

† Excluding Government contribution £800,000 annually for developmental lines.

		Month of July.		Year ended 30th June.	
		Tonnage of Goods and Livestock.*	Passenger Journeys.	Tonnage of Goods and Livestock.*	Passenger Journeys.
		thousands.	thousands.	thousands.	thousands.
1942	...	1,059	18,253	18,651	218,846
1943	...	1,735	19,709	19,678	237,441
1944	...	1,647	21,161	19,424	250,566

* Partly estimated.

10. TRAMWAYS AND OMNIBUSES.

SERVICES OPERATED BY THE DEPARTMENT OF ROAD TRANSPORT, NEW SOUTH WALES.

		SYDNEY AND SUBURBS.			NEWCASTLE AND SUBURBS.		
PERIOD.		Earnings.	Excess of Earnings over Working Expenses.*	Passengers carried.†	Earnings.	Excess of Earnings over Working Expense.*	Passengers carried.
		£	£	thousands.	£	£	thousands.
Year ended 30th June—		Details for Month of July are not available.					
1942	...	4,986,880	687,970	441,983	442,532	95,218	34,655
1943	...	5,079,472	548,750	460,975	502,373	87,078	39,976
1944	...	5,169,451	487,029	491,095	530,868	67,775	43,427

* Exclusive of Sinking Fund, Interest on Loan Capital, Exchange and Current Depreciation, which amounted to £546,700 in 1943-44.

† Exclusive of Sydney Harbour Bridge passengers whose journey did not extend beyond the Bridge Section.

11. MOTOR VEHICLES.

NUMBER OF REGISTERED MOTOR VEHICLES (N.S.W.) AS AT VARIOUS DATES.
(Exclusive of Vehicles of Defence Services.)

Class.	1939. 31st August.	1943.		1944.				
		31st August.	31st December.	31st March.	31st May.	30th June.	31st July.	31st August.
Cars	216,633	173,733	177,245	178,986	180,000	180,938	181,254	181,740
Lorries and Vans	77,639	72,862	75,068	76,450	77,528	78,023	78,307	78,496
Trailers	6,538	7,009	7,409	7,679	7,857	7,621	7,655	7,750
Tractors†	1,102	1,405	1,429	1,455	1,494	1,517	1,541	1,575
Cycles—Solo	17,111	9,589	9,842	10,016	10,201	11,162	11,186	11,295
Cycles—Side-car	6,884	4,510	4,518	4,581	4,600	3,735	3,769	3,794
Omnibuses	794	921	913	931	944	977	985	990
Taxi-cabs	1,331	1,348	1,348	1,348	1,349	1,349	1,349	1,349
Traders' Plates	1,187	616	634	609	618	624	628	630
Total	329,219	271,993	278,406	282,055	284,591	285,946	286,674	287,619

† Excluding tractors used on farms only.

Average Weekly Number of New Vehicles Registered.*

Year.	Cars (Including Cabs and Omnibuses).						Lorries and Vans.					
	March.	April.	May.	June.	July.	August.	March.	April.	May.	June.	July.	August.
1940	268	243	176	115	63	88	106	114	103	70	60	53
1941	167	121	89	40	20	21	71	47	46	40	43	45
1942	18	20	21	29	17	19	23	24	16	10	13	9
1943	7	7	6	4	6	3	13	17	40	45	60	55
1944	4	5	4	6	4	5	88	83	84	84	73	62

* Excluding trailers.

12. WIRELESS LICENSES.

BROADCAST LISTENERS' LICENSES IN FORCE IN N.S.W.
(Excluding Experimental Licenses.)

End of Month.	1940.	1941.	1942.	1943.	1944.
	No.	No.	No.	No.	No.
January	444,522	485,854	503,346	527,733	556,775
March	447,310	491,810	502,810	530,795	560,665
April	451,218	494,004	503,494	537,319	561,638
May	455,162	495,238	500,565	543,419	563,277
June	458,155	494,884	500,451	552,044	560,032
July	474,228	494,904	506,566	546,856	559,106
August	475,761	498,073	508,292	549,939	562,063

SECTION D.—FINANCIAL.

13. SAVINGS BANK DEPOSITS (NEW SOUTH WALES).†

As at June 30th.	Amount of Deposits. †	End of Month.	Amount of Deposits.		
			1942.	1943.	1944.
1933	£ 72,307,685	January ...	£ 92,972,902	£ 109,220,389	£ 146,283,258
1934	75,714,070	February ...	90,647,010	112,817,955	150,374,605
1935	77,906,402	March ...	89,458,641	115,641,889	154,153,971
1936	79,999,948	April ...	91,110,603	115,500,011	156,024,547
1937	81,952,399	May ...	92,925,282	118,016,266	157,044,862
1938	86,015,685	June† ...	94,537,937	122,405,481	162,867,225
1939	87,473,789	July ...	97,330,938	126,688,719	166,751,050
1940	82,110,900	August ...	99,727,345	130,518,639	170,103,712
1941	87,750,208	September ...	101,385,379	134,162,891	.....
1942	94,537,937	October ...	103,583,441	136,326,132	.....
1943	122,405,481	November ...	104,929,899	138,328,054	.....
1944	162,867,225	December ...	105,744,876	142,108,496	.....

† Including accrued interest.

† Amount at credit of depositors' accounts.

WAR SAVINGS CERTIFICATES: The net amount received from sales of certificates less re-purchases in New South Wales totalled £15,964,857 as at 31st July, 1944, including £275,308 net receipts in July.

14. TRADING BANKS*—DEPOSITS, ETC., IN AUSTRALIA.

June Quarter.	Deposits.	Cash in Aust.†	Treasury Bills.	Govt. and Municipal Securities.	Special Wartime Deposits with Comw'th Bank.	Advances.
	£000	£000	£000	£000	£000	£000
1940 ...	353,124	38,986	41,760	1,857	...	286,784
1941 ...	367,702	36,365	41,103	61,251	...	283,054
1942 ...	389,112	38,582	39,559	56,278	36,797	269,944
1943 ...	457,960	32,392	60,792	72,993	100,401	244,776
1944 ...	540,613	38,467	64,400	84,313	178,600	224,858

*Nine Private Banks.

† Exclusive of London Funds.

15. PRIVATE BUSINESS IN PRIVATE BANKS (N.S.W.).

(Excluding Commonwealth and Rural Banks, and excluding Government deposits and Government Securities in Private Trading Banks.)

June Quarter.	Deposits.			Advances.	Excess of Deposits over Advances.
	Not Bearing Interest (Current).	Bearing Interest (Fixed).	Total.		
	£000	£000	£000	£000	£000
1940 ...	60,392	66,276	126,668	117,910	8,758
1941 ...	69,855	65,814	135,669	113,890	21,779
1942 ...	81,308	61,784	143,092	107,896	35,196
1943 ...	103,413	64,165	167,578	93,349	74,229
1944 ...	128,215	73,040	201,255	83,917	117,338

16. INTER-BANK CLEARINGS (SYDNEY).

(Value of cheques drawn on a Bank other than the Bank in which they were Deposited.)

Month.	1938.	1939.	1940.	1941.	1942.	1943.	1944.	1938.	1939.	1940.	1941.	1942.	1943.	1944.
Amount—Million £								Index Numbers.						
January ...	67.5	66.5	82.7	90.3	92.0	106.7	107.5	97	98	110	117	123	136	150
February ...	75.6	75.5	88.9	82.0	97.1	105.7	121.2	96	96	110	114	123	139	147
March ...	82.6	80.5	87.8	89.4	102.6	123.4	130.1	95	93	107	110	119	138	146
April ...	75.7	70.7	84.3	86.9	95.4	125.3	108.4	102	98	111	111	125	150	150
May ...	82.9	82.0	90.2	106.3	98.9	123.0	143.6	103	100	111	117	125	155	158
June ...	86.8	80.3	94.5	97.4	116.6	132.6	140.1	106	101	115	123	133	163	166
July ...	70.5	71.2	94.6	98.9	99.7	114.3	123.0	101	98	116	125	130	155	168
August ...	72.9	74.9	83.6	87.0	99.0	122.7	127.4	101	99	118	123	135	160	169
September ...	77.6	74.9	84.5	94.9	105.6	116.5	...	99	99	117	124	134	155	...
October ...	79.5	78.0	90.1	101.8	115.0	115.5	...	101	100	113	123	138	152	...
November ...	82.7	86.1	93.5	99.6	105.0	129.3	...	102	102	114	124	135	149	...
December ...	88.1	91.7	100.1	104.9	121.6	127.3	...	102	106	115	124	136	150	...
Year ...	942.4	932.3	1074.8	1139.4	1248.5	1442.3	...	101	100	113	120	131	151	...

The index may be regarded as an approximate measure of changes in the volume of business transactions settled by cheques provided it is considered in conjunction with changes in price levels. It represents the ratio of each month's clearings to the average for the month concerned during the five years 1926-1930. This average is represented by 100 each month. Seasonal fluctuations have thus been eliminated. Casual fluctuations in monthly index numbers have been smoothed out by taking a three months' moving average; that is, the index shown above for each month is the average of the actual index of that month and the preceding two months. It may be compared vertically or horizontally.

The index is adjusted to eliminate the effects of Treasury Bill and other special transactions on behalf of Governments and the effects of bank amalgamations. No adjustment has been made for normal growth or change of price levels. The amounts of clearings shown are the recorded totals less Treasury Bill transactions only.

17. INTEREST RATES PER CENT. (N.S.W.).

Period.	Private First Mortgages Registered. Weighted Average Rate of Interest.*		Yield on Commonwealth Government Securities†—subject to Commonwealth Income Tax—				
			Not exceeding Rates in force in 1930.			At Current Rates.	
			Urban Securities.	Rural Securities.	Short- dated.	Medium- dated.	Long- dated.	Short- dated. 2 years.	Long- dated. 12 years.
Average for year—			Under 5 years.	5 to 10 years.	10 years and over.		
1937	5'3	5'0	3'44	3'75	3'84	...	...
1938	5'4	5'0	3'38	3'71	3'73	...	...
1939	5'6	5'2	3'84	3'87	3'92	...	...
1940	5'6	5'1	3'14	3'25	3'30	...	...
1941	5'5	4'9	2'45	2'95	3'10	...	...
			2 years.	7 years.	12 years.		
1941	5'5	4'9	2'42	2'87	3'13	2'47	3'23
1942	5'4	4'9	2'39	2'89	3'11	2'45	3'24
1943	5'0	4'7	2'43	2'72	\$	2'48	3'23
Months—							
1944—January ...	5'0	4'5	2'36	2'75	...	2'43†	3'24
March... ..	5'0	4'5	2'40	2'69	...	2'43†	3'24
May	5'0	4'4	2'32	2'60†	...	2'43†	3'24
June	5'0	4'4	2'32	2'62	...	2'44†	3'21
July	5'0	4'5	2'31	2'60†	...	2'44†	3'24
August	5'0	4'5	2'30	2'52†	...	2'43†	3'24

* Average of three months ended month shown.

† Compiled by Commonwealth Bank as at last Wednesday in month.

‡ Revised. § Subsequent yields uncertain.

18. REAL ESTATE TRANSACTIONS (N.S.W.).

(Registered under Real Property Act and Registration of Deeds Act.)

Month.	Consideration of Sales.					Amount of Mortgages.*				
	1940.	1941.	1942.	1943.	1944.	1940.	1941.	1942.	1943.	1944.
Thousand £.										
January	1,884	2,383	2,815	1,226	1,090	1,480	1,148	916	595	383
February	2,524	2,557	2,472	1,294	1,566	1,428	1,329	975	390	611
March	2,464	2,677	2,083	1,550	1,552	1,686	1,320	996	503	663
April	2,392	2,574	2,276	1,517	931	1,560	1,305	891	536	302
May	2,908	2,835	1,154	1,185	1,307	1,449	1,324	526	381	495
June	2,464	3,029	1,266	1,358	1,809	1,305	1,273	599	400	687
July	3,217	3,165	1,540	1,763	1,992	1,748	1,470	622	399	542
August	2,259	2,545	1,071	1,379	2,241	1,099	1,213	451	450	723
September	3,149	2,941	1,016	1,551	...	1,240	1,571	516	432	...
October	2,885	3,013	1,514	1,549	...	1,444	1,413	423	613	...
November	2,430	2,548	1,942	1,558	...	1,259	1,022	530	558	...
December	2,477	2,972	1,260	1,592	...	1,099	1,242	562	494	...
Year	31,053	33,239	21,609	17,542	...	16,497	15,680	8,007	5,756	...

* Including new mortgages and renewals as registered.

NOTE.—The amounts shown relate substantially to mortgages of fixed amounts for fixed periods, and exclude fluctuating advances (such as overdrafts) secured by mortgage. Mortgages providing collateral security are included.

19. LIENS ON CROPS AND WOOL AND MORTGAGES ON LIVESTOCK.

(Registered under Liens on Crops and Wool and Stock Mortgages Act.)

	Month of August.			Eight months ended 31st August.		
	Crops.	Wool.*	Livestock.*	Crops.	Wool.*	Livestock.*
	£	£	£	£	£	£
1942	90,421	98,140	36,103	1,491,251	1,834,810	520,411
1943	75,910	58,656	48,689	1,233,724	1,442,421	34,179
1944	40,835	46,183	57,461	852,025	1,110,319	411,177

See note under Table 18. * Loans secured by both lien on wool and mortgage on sheep are included under both headings.

SECTION E.—GENERAL.

20. EMPLOYMENT IN NEW SOUTH WALES.

WAGE AND SALARY EARNERS IN CIVIL EMPLOYMENT.

The estimates shown below are based on Civilian Registers and returns supplied monthly by employers for purposes of Commonwealth Pay-roll Tax as from July, 1941. Employees in defence forces at home or abroad and Government "relief" workers are not included.

Month.	Estimated Total Employment. (Excluding Rural, Household, Domestic and Defence Forces.)			Estimated Employment in Main Industrial Groups.						
	Governmental Authorities.	Private Employers.	Total.	Mining and Quarrying.	Factories.	Building and Construction.	Transport and Communication.	Retail Trade.	Other Commerce and Finance.	Professional and Personal Services.
	(a)				(b)	(c)				(d)
MALES. (Thousands.)										
1933—June ...	103.2	277.5	380.7	...	94.5	...	...	...	...	...
1939—July ...	136.5	393.4	529.9	...	158.8	...	...	...	...	...
1941—July ...	141.5	404.8	546.3	25.8	202.1	53.6	78.2	41.3	43.3	52.5
1942—July ...	158.6	376.0	534.6	25.4	213.3	44.2	80.3	32.3	36.0	46.0
Dec. ...	154.5	375.4	529.9	25.0	215.7	36.1	79.9	31.9	35.7	44.5
1943—Mar. ...	156.2	372.1	528.3	24.7	218.4	34.3	80.2	29.3	34.9	44.4
June ...	155.8	367.9	523.7	25.2	218.9	31.1	80.2	28.9	33.5	43.5
July ...	156.6	365.4	522.0	25.1	217.4	29.9	81.5	28.7	33.2	43.3
Aug. ...	155.9	364.9	520.8	25.0	217.5	30.9	80.2	28.5	33.6	43.4
Sept. ...	155.0	365.0	520.0	25.0	217.8	29.9	80.6	28.4	33.4	43.8
Oct. ...	154.9	364.9	519.8	25.1	217.9	29.2	80.8	28.3	33.4	43.9
Nov. ...	153.9	366.2	520.1	25.0	218.0	29.1	80.9	28.2	33.8	44.1
Dec. ...	152.6	369.2	521.8	24.7	217.3	28.8	80.9	29.7	33.5	44.5
1944—Jan. ...	152.5	369.6	522.1	24.6	217.9	28.1	81.5	28.4	34.1	44.8
Feb. ...	153.0	369.6	522.6	24.7	217.7	28.0	82.2	28.3	34.2	44.7
Mch. ...	152.4	370.8	523.2	24.7	218.0	28.1	81.9	28.3	34.5	44.9
April ...	151.6	369.8	521.4	24.5	216.5	27.5	82.3	28.4	34.3	45.0
May ...	152.3	369.2	521.5	24.6	216.2	27.0	82.8	28.5	34.2	45.0
June ...	152.3	369.9	522.2	24.4	216.5	25.7	84.4	28.6	34.5	45.1
July ...	152.4	369.7	522.1	24.4	216.2	26.2	86.1	24.4	34.2	45.4
FEMALES. (Thousands.)										
1933—June ...	16.8	109.0	125.8	...	36.3	...	...	...	...	...
1939—July ...	19.4	148.6	168.0	...	59.3	...	...	...	...	...
1941—July ...	21.7	192.4	214.1	0.2	76.0	0.7	8.1	40.9	17.6	56.8
1942—July ...	29.3	203.6	232.9	0.2	84.8	0.7	9.0	41.1	20.7	58.9
Dec. ...	35.1	208.9	244.0	0.2	91.1	0.7	10.6	41.9	21.0	59.8
1943—Mar. ...	38.7	207.8	246.5	0.2	92.6	0.7	11.4	39.7	21.0	61.6
June ...	42.9	206.8	249.7	0.2	94.6	0.7	12.3	39.1	20.7	62.2
July ...	45.8	204.1	249.9	0.2	94.6	0.7	12.9	38.5	20.5	62.3
Aug. ...	46.5	205.0	251.5	0.2	95.3	0.7	13.2	38.1	20.8	62.7
Sept. ...	46.7	206.5	253.2	0.2	96.4	0.7	13.1	38.0	20.8	63.3
Oct. ...	46.8	207.9	254.7	0.2	96.5	0.7	13.2	38.0	20.9	64.3
Nov. ...	47.0	208.3	255.3	0.2	96.2	0.7	13.4	38.3	20.8	64.4
Dec. ...	46.4	210.0	256.4	0.2	95.5	0.7	13.4	40.1	20.8	64.1
1944—Jan. ...	46.6	205.5	252.1	0.2	93.3	0.7	13.5	37.5	20.6	64.4
Feb. ...	47.2	205.5	252.7	0.2	93.1	0.7	13.8	37.3	20.6	64.8
Mch. ...	47.0	207.0	254.0	0.2	93.9	0.7	13.6	37.1	20.4	65.5
April ...	46.8	205.1	251.9	0.2	92.5	0.7	13.6	37.0	20.3	65.0
May ...	46.0	205.6	251.6	0.2	91.8	0.7	13.7	37.3	20.3	65.2
June ...	45.3	205.1	250.4	0.2	90.5	0.7	13.8	37.3	20.3	65.4
July ...	45.5	206.1	251.6	0.2	90.9	0.8	13.9	37.2	20.4	65.7
TOTAL. (Thousands.)										
1933—June ...	120.0	386.5	506.5	...	130.8	...	...	...	...	...
1939—July ...	155.9	542.0	697.9	...	218.1	...	...	...	...	...
1941—July ...	163.2	597.2	760.4	26.0	278.1	54.3	86.3	82.2	60.9	109.3
1942—July ...	187.9	579.6	767.5	25.6	298.1	44.9	89.3	73.4	56.7	104.9
Dec. ...	189.6	584.3	773.9	25.2	306.8	36.8	90.5	73.8	56.7	104.3
1943—Mar. ...	194.9	579.9	774.8	24.9	311.0	35.0	91.6	69.0	55.9	106.0
June ...	198.7	574.7	773.4	25.4	313.5	31.8	92.5	68.0	54.2	105.7
July ...	202.4	569.5	771.9	25.3	312.0	30.6	94.4	67.2	53.7	105.6
Aug. ...	202.4	569.9	772.3	25.2	312.8	31.6	93.4	66.6	54.4	106.1
Sept. ...	201.7	571.5	773.2	25.2	314.2	30.6	93.7	66.4	54.2	107.1
Oct. ...	201.7	572.8	774.5	25.3	314.4	29.9	94.0	66.3	54.3	108.2
Nov. ...	200.9	574.5	775.4	25.2	314.2	29.8	94.3	66.5	54.6	108.5
Dec. ...	199.0	579.2	778.2	24.9	312.8	29.5	94.3	69.8	54.3	108.6
1944—Jan. ...	199.1	575.1	774.2	24.8	311.2	28.5	95.0	65.9	54.7	109.2
Feb. ...	200.2	575.1	775.3	24.9	310.8	28.7	96.0	65.6	54.8	109.5
Mch. ...	199.4	577.8	777.2	24.9	311.9	28.8	95.5	65.4	54.9	110.4
April ...	198.4	574.9	773.3	24.7	309.0	28.2	95.9	65.4	54.6	110.0
May ...	198.3	574.8	773.1	24.8	308.0	27.7	96.5	65.8	54.4	110.2
June ...	197.6	575.0	772.6	24.6	307.0	26.4	98.2	65.9	54.8	110.5
July ...	197.9	57.58	773.7	24.6	307.1	27.0	98.0	65.6	54.6	111.1

(a) Employees of Commonwealth, State and Local Government Authorities and of Allied Governments.

(b) Exclusive of Working Proprietors. Numbers for July, 1943, and later months are subject to revision.

(c) Includes Allied Works projects.

(d) Includes Education, Health, Hotels and Restaurants, Professional and Personal Services (except private domestic).

NOTE.—Estimates of employment in principal industries shown above replace former data which related to pay-roll Tax returns only.

21. CONSUMPTION OF GAS AND ELECTRICITY.

Index of Monthly Sales of Gas and Electricity (Sydney).

(Based on number of units each equal to 3,412 British Thermal Units.)

Month.	Average, 1929 to 1931.	1929.	1932.	1934.	1936.	1938.	1939.	1940.	1941.	1942.	1943.	1944.
January ...	100	103	93	100	110	119	125	136	141	141	164	155
February ...	100	105	95	100	112	122	125	135	142	145	159	161
March ...	100	102	95	99	111	121	130	130	143	146	164	165
April... ..	100	104	96	101	110	119	125	137	141	147	164	162
May	100	106	95	100	110	122	128	128	146	144	166	172
June	100	103	99	103	114	127	131	135	150	154	174	176
July	100	105	97	100	112	126	134	139	149	158	171	177
August	100	106	97	103	107	128	135	137	151	157	181	181
September ...	100	108	97	101	113	123	134	134	151	158	171	...
October	100	109	96	104	113	121	135	137	154	163	162	...
November ...	100	109	97	104	116	124	136	139	152	161	164	...
December ...	100	105	99	106	116	124	131	138	153	165	163	...
Year	100	105	96	102	112	123	131	135	148	154	167	...

The base for each month is the average sales in the corresponding month of the three years,
1929 to 1931.

22. RETAIL PRICE INDEX NUMBERS—SYDNEY—WAR PERIOD.

(Base: Weighted Average for 6 Capital Cities in 1923-27 = 1,000)

Quarter.	Food and Groceries.	Rent— 4 and 5 rooms.	Clothing.	Miscellaneous Items.	Total Household Expenditure.	
					Index Number.	Increase from Sep t. Quarter, 1939.
						Per cent.
1939—September ...	930	1,039	841	939	933	...
1940—September ...	945	1,042	948	996	973	4'3
1941—September ...	947	1,043	1,129	1,062	1,027	10'1
1942—March ...	1,005	1,045	1,211	1,085	1,070	14'7
June ...	1,034	1,043	1,279	1,089	1,096	17'5
September ...	1,061	1,042	1,337	1,105	1,122	20'3
December ...	1,060	1,042	1,382	1,140	1,138	22'0
1943—March ...	1,050	1,042	1,408	1,145	1,141	22'3
June ...	1,065	1,042	1,479	1,162	1,165	24'9
September ...	1,039	1,042	1,463	1,176	1,154	23'7
December ...	1,015	1,042	1,449	1,179	1,143	22'5
1944—March ...	1,019	1,043	1,443	1,176	1,143	22'5
June ...	1,025	1,043	1,437	1,172	1,143	22'5

23. BASIC WAGE—INDUSTRIAL AWARDS.

Amount per week—Adult Males.

YEAR.	Sydney, Newcastle, Wollongong— Port Kembla.*				Crown Employees. (All Districts).			
	Quarterly adjustment commencing—							
	February.	May.	August.	November.	February.	May.	August.	November.
	s. d.	s. d.	s. d.	s. d.	s. d.	s. d.	s. d.	s. d.
1939	81 0	82 0	81 0	82 0	80 0	80 0	80 0	80 0
1940	82 0	83 0	85 0	85 0	81 0	81 0	83 0	84 0
1941	88 0	88 0	89 0	89 0	86 0	87 0	87 0	88 0
1942	91 0	93 0	95 0	97 0	90 0	92 0	94 0	96 0
1943	98 0	98 0	100 0	99 0	97 0	97 0	99 0	98 0
1944	99 0	99 0	99 0	...	97 0	97 0	97 0	...

* In all other districts, except Broken Hill, the rates were 3s. less.

In 1939 quarterly variations commenced in March, June, September and December.

24. PRICES OF METALS.

Average Monthly Prices of Metals (Export Parity f.o.b. Australia) in Australian Currency.

Period.	Silver (Standard).		Lead.		Zinc (Electrolytic).		Tin (Standard).		Gold (Fine).	
	per oz.		per ton.		per ton.		per ton.		per oz.	
	s.	d.	£	s. d.	£	s. d.	£	s. d.	£	s. d.
1929	2	0·57	21	14 5	25	19 5	200	11 5	4	4 11
1938	2	0·14	17	12 11	19	12 10	228	11 10	8	17 2
1939	2	1·42	17	12 1	19	15 3	268	3 6	9	14 4
1940	2	2·95	18	14 6	22	9 11	292	19 8	10	13 1
1941	2	4·26	19	11 4	22	12 11	295	1 6	10	13 8
1942	2	4·66	21	9 9	22	2 11	285	9 1	10	9 1
1943	2	4·63	22	19 2	23	15 2	283	1 6	10	9 0
1944—January	2	4·63	25	1 6	22	0 6	283	1 6	10	9 0
March	2	4·63	24	7 10	22	0 6	283	1 6	10	9 0
May	2	4·63	27	14 4	22	0 6	283	1 6	10	9 0
June	2	4·63	26	10 5	29	4 4	283	1 6	10	9 5
July	2	4·63	24	14 8	27	17 3	299	7 0	10	10 0

25. STOCK EXCHANGE INDEX (SYDNEY).

The following index of the values of the principal Company shares on Sydney Stock Exchange embraces the ordinary shares of companies (excluding banking companies) whose business is conducted wholly or largely in New South Wales.

The prices of individual shares are unweighted, and each group average is the mean of the average monthly prices per £ of paid-up capital. The aggregate index is the average for the whole of the shares included in the groups with the addition of 24 miscellaneous shares. There is no base period as the index represents the ratio per cent. of the average prices of ordinary shares to their par values, adjustment being made where capital is written off or bonus shares are issued.

Month.	23 Manufacturing and Distributing Companies.	10 Retail Companies.	8 Public Utility Companies.	5 Pastoral and Finance Companies.	5 Insurance Companies.	Total* Companies 75.	34 Active Shares included in foregoing.
April, 1929 \$	179·3	183·8	129·4	174·1	243·5	174·4	172·6
Sept., 1931 \$	72·3	60·2	87·9	75·2	121·3	74·4	77·2
Mar., 1937 \$	213·8	203·8	181·0	169·2	281·2	190·4	200·5
1943—August	235·7	189·2	145·2	133·1	254·1	182·7	198·9
Sept. ...	236·1	191·8	145·4	134·0	254·1	183·7	199·9
Oct. ...	236·5	192·8	146·6	134·3	254·1	184·3	200·3
Nov. ...	236·7	193·9	147·8	135·3	254·1	184·9	200·5
Dec. ...	236·9	193·8	148·2	135·0	254·1	185·2	200·4
1944—Jan. ...	237·1	193·8	148·3	135·0	254·1	185·4	200·4
Feb. ...	237·0	193·8	149·3	135·0	254·1	185·6	200·6
March ...	237·1	194·0	149·7	135·1	254·1	185·7	200·7
April ...	237·2	194·0	150·1	136·9	254·1	185·8	201·0
May ...	237·1	193·8	150·1	138·7	254·1	185·9	201·1
June ...	237·2	194·3	150·4	138·7	254·1	186·0	201·4
July ...	237·3	195·3	150·4	138·8	254·1	186·1	201·5
Aug. ...	237·3	195·8	150·2	139·1	254·1	186·3	201·7

* Including 24 Miscellaneous Companies. \$ The highest point of the index (75 Companies) prior to the slump was reached in April, 1929; the lowest point was in September, 1931. The highest point of the pre-war period was in March, 1937.

The estimated population of N.S.W. at 31st December, 1943, was 2,852,932 or 39·3 per cent. of the total population of Australia (Sydney and Suburbs, 31st December, 1942, 1,384,380).

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SUPPLEMENT.

1. Population, Births, Deaths, and Marriages—Years 1939 to 1943.

Year.	Estimated Population at end of Year (a).*	Live Births.	Deaths.		Marriages.	Annual Rate per 1,000 Mean Population.			Infantile Mortality, Deaths under 1 year per 1,000 Live Births.
			Total.	Under 1 year.		Live Births.	Deaths.	Marriages.	
	No.	No.	No.	No.	No.				
1939 ...	2,762,789	48,003	26,815	1,969	25,471	17.47	9.76	9.27	41.0
1940 ...	2,782,991	49,382	26,143	1,927	30,364	17.81	9.43	10.95	39.0
1941 ...	2,802,014	51,729	27,300	2,264	29,983	18.53	9.78	10.74	43.8
1942 ...	2,833,133	52,647	(b) 29,219	2,115	34,533	18.68	10.37	12.25	40.2
1943 ...	2,852,932	57,265	(b) 28,870	2,061	26,302	20.15	10.16	9.25	36.0

* Revised.

(a) Including persons enlisted in armed forces wherever located.

(b) Civilians only.

2. Marriages—Quarterly—1939-1944.

Year.	Metropolis.				Remainder of State.			
	Quarter ended—				Quarter ended—			
	March.	June.	September.	December.	March.	June.	September.	December.
	No.	No.	No.	No.	No.	No.	No.	No.
1939 ...	3,545	3,837	3,202	4,549	2,431	2,811	2,326	2,770
1940 ...	4,271	4,363	4,770	5,172	2,938	2,781	3,133	2,936
1941 ...	4,249	4,724	3,997	5,738	2,572	3,011	2,631	3,061
1942 ...	5,965	6,044	4,980	5,106	3,327	3,459	2,803	2,849
1943 ...	4,583	4,418	3,691	4,325	2,581	2,402	2,079	2,223
1944 ...	4,389	4,430	.....	.....	2,294	2,571	.....	.....

3. New Dwellings—Permits Issued by Local Councils and Government Building Projects authorised—Years ended 30th June 1943-44.

	1942-43.		1943-44.	
	No.*	Value.	No.*	Value.
Private Dwellings—				
Metropolis ...	77	£ 26,534	175	£ 61,498
129 Country Towns ...	294	79,851	278	90,982
7 Shires adjacent to Metropolis ...	153	43,595	175	67,131
Total ...	524	149,980	628	219,611
Net Total (after deducting demolitions, etc.)	495	.....	529	.....
Government Dwellings—				
Metropolis ...	1	1,347	80	72,295
Remainder of State ...	962	344,254	105	49,869
Total ...	963	345,601	185	122,164
Total New Dwellings—				
Private and Government ...	1,368	495,581	714	341,775

* Private dwellings include flat units, new and converted, and dwellings attached to shops; Government dwellings include temporary (duration of war) houses.

4. Permits Issued by Councils to erect New Buildings, Alterations and Additions— Value in Divisions—Years ended 30th June, 1943 and 1944.

	1942-43.				1943-44.			
	Dwellings.*	Factories.	Other Buildings.	Total.	Dwellings.*	Factories.	Other Buildings.	Total.
	£000	£000	£000	£000	£000	£000	£000	£000
Sydney and Suburbs.								
City of Sydney ...	7	68	168	243	13	201	106	320
Suburbs (in statistical divisions)—								
Inner Industrial ...	6	583	8	597	12	454	8	474
Illawarra-Bankstown ...	32	53	28	113	66	63	26	155
Inner Western ...	6	106	14	126	10	83	10	103
Outer Western ...	5	184	17	206	13	127	8	148
Northern ...	18	48	32	98	33	31	39	103
Eastern ...	16	...	7	17	12	1	49	62
Total (Sydney and Suburbs) ...	84	1,042	274	1,400	159	960	246	1,365
129 Country Towns ...	165	89	112	366	182	143	141	466
Seven Shires adjacent to Metropolis ...	62	10	30	102	100	20	39	159
Total ...	311	1,141	416	1,868	441	1,123	426	1,990

* Individual houses, guest houses, etc., flats and shops with dwellings.

5. Private Building Permits Issued and Government Building Projects Authorised— Total Value—Years ended 30th June, 1940 to 1944.

Year ended 30th June.	Private Building Permits.				Government Buildings.	Total Value of Government and Private Building.
	Metropolis.	129 Country Towns.	Seven Shires Adjacent to Metropolis.	Total Value.		
	£000	£000	£000	£000	£000	£000
1940 ...	11,437	3,906	1,146	16,489	2,590	19,079
1941 ...	12,006	3,480	1,144	16,630	3,978	20,608
1942 ...	5,969	2,386	978	9,333	4,969	14,302
1943 ...	1,400	366	102	1,868	4,967	6,835
1944 ...	1,365	466	159	1,990	2,748	4,738

6. Mines in Operation—Years ended 31st December, 1939 to 1943.

Year.	Mines in Operation.	Persons Employed (Average).	Salaries and Wages Paid.	Value of—				Output of Coal.
				Land, Buildings, etc.	Machinery and Plant.	Materials and Fuel Used, etc.	Output (Minerals Raised).	
	No.	No.	£000	£000	£000	£000	£000	Thous. Tons.
1939 ...	594	22,506	6,593	3,815	8,363	1,778	11,467	11,304
1940 ...	568	22,886	6,028	3,721	8,504	1,866	11,024	9,619
1941 ...	553	22,481	7,586	3,764	8,526	2,155	13,488	11,856
1942 ...	453	21,695	8,264	3,744	8,219	2,374	14,551	12,342
1943 ...	388	21,764	8,566	3,686	7,954	2,573	14,776	11,642

7. Area under Crop.

Season ended March.	Wheat (grain only).	Maize (grain only)	Oats (grain only).	Rice.	Sugar-cane cut for Crushing.	Hay.	Potatoes.	Total Area of Crops.
	Acres.	Acres.	Acres.	Acres.	Acres.	Acres.	Acres.	Acres.
1939	4,650,872	122,201	399,449	23,533	10,458	1,068,925	16,866	7,049,357
1940	4,380,595	115,856	405,262	24,120	10,488	706,599	19,232	6,381,531
1941	4,453,963	142,137	236,910	24,547	10,192	715,623	17,836	6,374,354
1942	3,968,758	117,262	303,860	23,721	8,491	714,142	17,685	5,920,569
1943	3,032,946	103,591	431,299	34,327	9,732	735,926	24,488	5,297,313
1944	2,693,302	103,237	374,205	42,200†	8,240	534,470	30,067	4,798,895

Production of Crops.

(In Thousands—000 omitted.)

Season ended March.	Wheat.	Maize.	Oats.	Rice.	Sugar-cane.	Hay.	Potatoes.	Total Value of all Crops to Producers.
	Bushels.	Bushels.	Bushels.	Bushels.	Tons.	Tons.	Tons.	£
1939	59,898	2,905	4,831	2,775	337	1,181	39	18,459
1940	76,552	2,833	6,904	1,858	275	966	41	21,237
1941	23,933	4,044	1,995	2,240	343	617	50	14,200†
1942	48,500	3,142	4,118	2,240	359	715	39	10,895†
1943	51,693	2,815	7,338	3,053	334	985	65	27,101†
1944	47,500	2,769	7,050	4,112	290	735	66	*

Average Yield per acre of Crops

Season ended March.	Wheat.	Maize.	Cats.	Rice.	Sugar-cane.	Hay.	Potatoes.	Value per Acre of All Crops.
	Bushels.	Bushels.	Bushels.	Bushels.	Tons.	Tons.	Tons.	£ s. d.
1939	12.9	23.8	12.1	118	32.20	1.10	2.34	2 12 4
1940	17.5	24.5	17.0	77	26.18	1.37	2.11	3 6 7
1941	5.4	28.4	8.4	91	33.61	0.86	2.83	2 4 7†
1942	12.2	26.8	13.9	94	42.33	1.00	2.18	3 7 3†
1943	17.0	27.2	17.0	89	34.33	1.34	2.69	5 2 5†
1944	17.6	26.8	18.8	97	35.24	1.38	2.18	*

8. Live Stock.

At 31st March	Horses.	Cattle.			Sheep.	Pigs.
		Cows in Registered Dairies.	All Other.	Total.		
	No.	No.	No.	No.	No.	No.
1939	531,355	1,068,906	1,742,978	2,811,884	48,876,663	377,344
1940	534,837	1,068,999	1,693,654	2,762,653	54,372,472	451,064
1941	531,776	1,054,770	1,714,291	2,769,061	55,568,000	507,738
1942	525,697	1,055,172	1,823,278	2,878,450	56,737,000	454,102
1943	483,277	1,054,511	1,976,035	3,030,546	56,043,598	486,960
1944	465,672	1,043,273	2,100,105	3,143,378	56,837,300	561,294

* Not available.

† Subject to revision.

9. Sheep and Lambs shorn and Quantity of Wool produced.

Season.	Sheep and Lambs Shorn.	Average Clip (Greasy).*	Weight of Wool Produced (as in the grease).				
			Shorn and Crutched.	Dead.	Fell-mongered.	Exported on Skins.	Total Production.
	Thousands.	lb.			Thousand lb.		
1935-36 ...	55,805	7.7	429,701	2,358	24,176	16,350	472,585
1936-37 ...	55,485	8.3	459,650	1,423	24,303	18,240	503,616
1937-38 ...	54,673	8.2	447,695	1,771	23,951	21,610	495,027
1938-39 ...	51,530	7.6	391,627	2,427	23,677	17,410	437,141
1939-40 ...	54,637	9.1	497,356	1,095	47,822		546,273
1940-41 ...	57,704	8.4	483,992	1,326	51,589		536,907
1941-42 ...	58,537	8.5	497,446	1,125	48,429		547,000
1942-43 ...	57,654	7.8	448,968	1,278	47,292		497,538
1943-44 ...	57,318	8.6	490,331	883	46,196		537,410

* Includes crutchings.

10. Sheep—Lambing, Slaughter, Exports and Deaths.

(In Thousands—000 omitted.)

Season.	Lambs Marked.	Sheep and Lambs Slaughtered.	Net Movement of Sheep to (—) and from (+) Other States.	Approximate Number of Deaths on Holdings.	Sheep at 31st March.
	No.	No.	No.	No.	No.
1938-39 ...	9,286	6,311	(+) 230	5,891	48,877
1939-40 ...	15,674	6,887	(—) 44	3,248	54,372
1940-41 ...	14,014	8,167	(—) 664	3,987	55,508
1941-42 ...	14,616	8,115	(—) 1,432	3,900	56,737
1942-43 ...	13,627	9,299	(—) 772	4,250	56,043
1943-44 ...	15,068	9,476	(—) 798	4,000	56,837